

Remarks

In the advisory action, Examiner addresses two issues.

The first issue is that the client can be uniquely identified from the port if desired. In this respect,

5 Examiner does not appears to disagree with Applicants.

Because the 112 rejection was not part of the prior office action, and no arguments have been made against the assertion described above, it is assumed that the 112 rejection has been withdrawn.

10 Examiner also does not appear to dispute that the cited references are distinguishable. Instead, in the advisory action, Examiner states that a Syn-Ack would be a request and a response as claimed. Examiner is respectfully reminded that the claim reads, for example, in
15 line 5 of claim 1 "the request" (emphasis added). Use of the term, "the" refers to the request recited in the preamble, which is specifically noted to be a request for a secure communication. Examiner's Example of a syn-ack is not a request for a secure communication. If Examiner
20 would be more comfortable explicitly noting in line 5 (and in the corresponding portions of the other independent claims, that the request is a request for a secure communication, Applicants would have no objection to such

addition, as it would not change the scope of the claim at all.

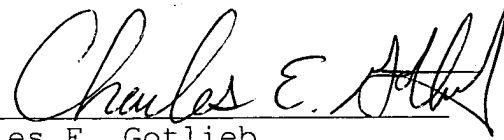
Examiner has not shown the features of the claimed invention in the cited references and therefore, the claims
5 are in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is solicited.

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